Under IPP VII being implemented in Bihar, there are provisions for construction of 1,000 Sub-Centres and 129 OTs in Primary Health Centres. The project coveres the entire State of Bihar.

Under ODA assisted Area project, there is a provision of construction of 586 Sub-Centres and 17 Primary Health Centres, and under DANIDA assisted Area Project in Madhya Pradesh, 250 Sub-Centres, out of which 406 Sub-Centres and 6 Primary Health Centres in Orissa and 204 Sub-Centres in Madhya Pradesh have been constructed so far.

Promotion of Breast-Feeding

495. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are sponsoring a plan with the help of World Health Organisation for promoting 'Breast Feeding' in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of newly-born infants who die due to lack of breast-feeding in the country as compared to other countries in the world;

(d) whether Government propose to chalk-out details programme for promoting 'Breast-Feeding' through media; and

(e) what are the diseases from which infants can be saved through 'Breast Feeding'?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative has been launched with the objective of promoting exclusive breast-feeding in the country. The Initiative is supported by United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organisation.

(c) to (e) Breast-feeding protect infants against infections like diarrhoea and pneumonia and prevents malnutrition. The number of newly born children who die due to lack of breast-feeding in the country is not known. Propagation of breast-feeding is done through health personnel and various channels of the media.

Allocation of funds for Employment Schemes in Punjab

496. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation to Government of Punjab for employment scheme for the year 1995-96;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above funds are less than that for the year 1994-95?

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the Central allocation of funds for the said purpose during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) Rs. 115.15 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)

1994-95	1995-96
Rs. 165.60 lakhs	Rs. 115.15 lakhs

The funds are allocated on the basis of percentage of urban poverty. According to 43rd round of NSSO urban poverty has come down in Punjab from 2.40% to 1.03% hence the decrease in allocation.

(d) The funds are allocated on the basis of percentage of urban poverty.